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Poland to Prague

10 days - Limited to 24 guests

Discover the history of one of Europe's most vibrant cities, Warsaw, from its early years to the struggles of World War II; visit the otherworldly Bochnia Salt Mines; and in the neighboring Czech Republic, sample the famous brews of the Staropramen Brewery.

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE WARSAW, POLAND

Arrive in Warsaw, the capital of Poland, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome briefing followed by dinner.

Polonia Palace Hotel | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 WARSAW | BAROQUE HIGHLIGHTS

This morning, set out for a guided tour of Warsaw's highlights, including the 14th-century Cathedral of Saint John and the remnants of the infamous Ghetto. After lunch, visit Wilanow Palace and Gardens, the former Polish royal residence. Explore the city at your leisure this afternoon.

Polonia Palace Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 WARSAW | HISTORY OF RESISTANCE

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This morning, visit the Rising Museum, which commemorates the Polish resistance to Nazi occupation. Enjoy lunch and an afternoon on your own. Tonight, enjoy a private piano performance with a glass of sparkling wine at the Szuster Palace.

Polonia Palace Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 CZESTOCHOWA | ICON OF THE MADONNA

Drive to Czestochowa, where you visit the monastery of Jasna Gora, home of the Black Madonna, a painting that has drawn countless reverent visitors over the centuries. After lunch, proceed to Krakow and check in to your hotel. This evening, enjoy dinner at the home of a local resident, and experience Polish hospitality firsthand.

Hotel Copernicus | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 KRAKOW | STUNNING SALT CAVERNS

This morning, explore the remarkable Bochnia Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with one of the world's only underground ferry systems. Descend the mine and explore its network of chambers and lakes, which have been carved out over the centuries. After lunch in the mine, walk Krakow's magnificent Market Square, a centerpiece of the city and one of the largest of its kind in Europe. You may also enjoy a visit to St. Mary's Church with its famous Baroque 15th-century altar.

Hotel Copernicus | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6 AUSCHWITZ | ECHOES OF THE HOLOCAUST

This morning, visit the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, preserved as a memorial for the 1.5 million people of 28 nationalities who perished here. Explore the stone buildings of Auschwitz with your specialist guide, who brings to life the everyday horrors experienced by those who were brought here. Return to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure.

Hotel Copernicus | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 OLOMOUC, CZECH REPUBLIC | HISTORIC CITY

Depart Krakow for the historic riverside town of Olomouc for a short walking tour; its Holy Trinity Column is a spectacular Baroque monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to Prague.

BoHo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 PRAGUE | JEWISH QUARTER & TOWN HALL

Visit the Jewish Museum, home of Europe's largest collection of Judaica, and the Jewish Cemetery. Explore Old Town and the Jewish Quarter, birthplace of Franz Kafka, and Old Town Square's Gothic Town Hall for a chance to ascend its iconic clock tower. Later, enjoy a sample and tour at Staropramen Brewery, the second largest in the country.

BoHo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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DAY 9 PRAGUE | BAROQUE & GOTHIC TREASURES

In Prague's Castle District, admire the religious artifacts at the Loreto Chapel, as well as the towering, Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Privately visit the Baroque library halls of the Strahov Monastery and view its incredible frescoes. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner.

BoHo Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10 DEPART PRAGUE

Transfer this morning to the airport for your onward travel.